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FOR ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L JR)  
SUBJ: ATHERTON TRAVEL

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY THUNNAYAN CALLED CHARGE EARLY THIS MORNING MARIH 4 AND SAID HE HAD JUST TALKED BY PHONE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD WHO IS NOW IN GENEVA.

2. SAUD TOLD THUNNAYAN THAT HIS SCHEDULED RETURN TO RIYADH HAD BEEN DELAYED UNTIL AFTERNOON OF MARCH 6. HE ASKED IF ATHERTON COULD DELAY HIS DEPARTURE FROM RIYADH, PREFERABLY UNTIL MARCH 7, SO SAUD WOULD HAVE A CHANCE FOR A LONG TALK WITH HIM.

3. THUNNAYAN SAID THAT CROWN PRINCE WILL NOT BE IN SAUDI ARABIA DURING ATHERTON VISIT AND, WHILE KING WILL RECEIVE ATHERTON, SAUD WILL BE PRINCIPAL CONTACT FOR DEBRIEFING ATHERTON ON HIS TALKS. THUNNAYAN SUGGESTED THAT A 24 HOUR DELAY IN BOTH ATHERTON'S ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE WOULD BE BEST, ALTHOUGH ATHERTON WOULD BE WELCOME IF HE ARRIVED ON SCHEDULE ON MARCH 5. THUNNAYAN ALSO

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SAID A LATE EVENING DEPARTURE ON MARCH 6 WOULD BE POSSIBLE ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT CERTAIN WHEN SAUD WOULD ARRIVE DURING THAT AFTERNOON.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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